two financial years *i.e.* 2006-07 and 2007-08 (with access to records of previous years linked to transactions of these years), in exercise of the Government's Audit and Inspection Rights under Article 1.9 of Appendix C (Accounting Procedure) to the Production Sharing Contract.

RIL have expressed willingness to provide all details and access to the records of KG D6 to facilitate audit by C and AG. C and AG have received most of the initial documents from RIL.

C and AG would be in position to commence the audit in respect of the KG-D6 block from 14th December 2009.

Non-utilization of foreign assistance

†2797. SHRI SHANTA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects that remained incomplete upto year 2007-08 due to non-utilization of foreign assistance obtained by India;

(b) the details of the foreign assisted projects, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has to pay any penalty for not using the foreign assistance; and

(d) if so, the details of the penalty paid upto the year 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Assistance from Multilateral/Bilateral foreign sources is sanctioned for a defined time period, extendable in certain cases. Hence, the question of projects remaining incomplete due to non-utilization of external assistance does not arise.

(b) Information about the details of the foreign assisted projects, State-wise is available in public domain at website: www.aaad.gov.in.

(c) and (d) Government of India is not required to pay any penalty for not using foreign assistance.

Restricted use of ATMs

2798. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that State Bank of India (SBI) has restricted the use of ATMs by introducing service charges beyond a certain number of withdrawals;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decision is against promoting ATM culture and against the interest of customers;

(d) whether the bank proposes to review these measures; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that the levy of service charges beyond a certain number of withdrawals is as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) norms for usage of other Banks' ATMs by customers and in line with the guidelines issued by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for all member banks and are applicable to all the banks. As per RBI norms, with effect from 15th October, 2009, free cash withdrawals from other bank ATMs are allowed to account holders up to five transaction per calendar month. This facility is extended only to Savings Bank customers.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The decision is in the interest of common savings account holders as it facilitates free cash withdrawals (up to 5 times a month) from other banks ATMs as well. The limit of Rs.10000 per transaction (cash withdrawals) and permitting free transactions only to savings account holders would restrict un-curtailed free ATM use by current account holders and ensuring availability of adequate cash balance at the ATMs to serve a larger number of customers. The instructions dated March 10, 2008 were relaxed by RBI after due consideration of the representation made by banks and customer interests.

Leak of template for Indian currency

2799. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has set up a team to probe the leak of an ultra secret template for Indian currency that led to circulation of near-perfect fakes worth hundred of crores of rupees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recovery from salary and pension

2800. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed rules/regulations/ guidelines under which recovery from the salary of a Government employee can be effected;

(b) whether recovery from pension can also be effected;

(c) if so, the rules/regulations/guidelines in this regard; and

(d) whether the same set of regulations governed such cases in autonomous bodies also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The recovery from the salary of a government employee can be effected under Rules 73,74,75,76 and 79 of the Central Government (Receipts and Payments) Rules, 1983 and Rule 11 (iii) of Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965.